Department of Finance

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Legal Title

Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Fund

Legal Citation/Authority

Chapter 724, Statutes of 2002 (AB 1170)

Health and Safety Code section 50860

Fund Classification

GAAP Basis

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

Fund Classification

Legal Basis

Nongovernmental/Bond Funds

Purpose

Chapter 26, Statutes of 2002 (AB 1227) enacted the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002, which authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,100,000,000, for the purpose of financing various existing housing and code enforcement programs, and additional specified programs.

The Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Fund was established to deposit housing bond funds that offer grants to qualifying cities, counties, or cities and counties that provide incentives or reduce or remove regulatory barriers to affordable housing.

These grants will be used to provide assistance in the form of 2nd mortgage loans for down payment purposes to qualifying first-time homebuyers of low- and moderate-incomes purchasing newly constructed homes in a BEGIN project.

No more than 5 percent of the funds deposited in the BEGIN fund may be used to pay the costs of the administration of this chapter.

Administering Agency/Organization Code

Department of Housing and Community Development/Org 2240

Major Revenue Source

Transfer of \$75,000,000 from the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund to allocate proceeds from the sale of bonds (Proposition 46).

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)

Any unencumbered cash balances remaining in this fund after all obligations have been satisfied shall be transferred to the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund, 6037.

Appropriation Authority

The money in this fund is available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

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State Appropriations Limit

Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are bond proceeds and therefore are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes.

Comments/Historical Information

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